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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES

1. ON BASIS SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE LEE AND COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT REMAINS FULLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORT INTERESTS OF CORE GROUP AND SOUTH KOREA. IN FACT, FACIO HAS SENT LETTERS TO ADDITIONAL LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREAN POSITION.

2. FACIO CONFIRMED THAT COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR MONGE IN ARGENTINA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREANS ENTIRELY ON HIS OWN AND WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. DBCIO WAS ANNOYED OVER AMBASSADOR MONGE'S TRANSMITTAL OF INVITATIONS FOR COSTA RICAN LEGISLATORS TO VISIT NORTH KOREA AND IS ARRANGING QUIETLY TO TRY TO HAVE THE INVITATIONS REJECTED. THERE ARE DIFFERING OPINIONS AMONG TOP COSTA RICANS REGARDING MONGE'S POLITICAL INCLINATION, ALTHOUGH FACIO DESCRIBES HIM AS A CONSERVATIVE AND SUGGESTED THAT HIS CONTACT WITH THE NORTH KOREANS PROBABLY WAS BASED ON SOME PERSONAL CONSIDERATION.

3. FACIO INFORMED AMBASSADOR ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT MONGE HAS BEEN RELIEVED OF HIS POST FOR REASONS UNRELATED
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TO CONTACT WITH THE NORTH KOREANS AND WILL BE LEAVING BUENOS

AIRES IN AUGUST. HE SAID THAT MEANWHILE, MONGE'S DISCRETION MIGHT
BE CONSIDERED QUESTIONABLE AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE BEST NOT
TO GIVE HIM ACCESS TO ANY INFORMATION WHICH IT WOULD BE HARMFUL
TO HAVE THE NORTH KOREANS KNOW.
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